# Fall Planting Guide - 1954 



## NEW EARLY BLOOMING

FLAMING YOUTH
The improved Red Emperor Tulip. We found Flaming Youth is much hardier and longer lasting than Red Emperor. The first large red Tulip each spring, with shiny broad leaves and immense flowers, it deserves the title page of our catalog. 85 c per $3 \quad \$ 2.75$ per doz. $\$ 21.00$ per 100

## NELIS NURSERIES Incorporated

 Holland. Michigan

## Grevtings from the City of Julips

The 1954 Festival dates for "Tulip Time" are set for May 12th to 15th.

Our Tulips bloom during the month of May. If you wish to see the largest number of Tulips in bloom, please be guided by your local weather conditions; depending on whether the season is late or early. If in doubt, we shall be glad to advise you, if you write to us requesting this information

HARRY NELIS
General Manager

This mixture contains over 300 different varieties, in planting 100 bulbs, you will hardly find 2 flowers alike Do not confuse this with any cheap bargain offers you read about today, those offers fail to give satisfaction because of the small size bulbs supplied. NELIS BLOOMING SIZE RAINBOW COLLECTIONS ARE GUAR ANTEED TO BLOOM $100 \%$ THE FIRST SEASON

## Available in Two Sizes

BLOOMING SIZE:
$33 / 4$ inches in circumference, or $11 / 8$ to $11 / 4$ inches in diameter.

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50 bulbs for
1 0 0 \text { bulbs for}
250 bulbs for .................................... . . . 14.25
1000 bulbs for55.00
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## TOP SIZE:

Averaging 4 to 5 inches in circumference or $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2$ inches in diameter. This assortment is our own mixture and consists of some of all the varieties we grow
25 bulbs for $\qquad$
50 bulbs for . ..................................... . . . . 4.95
100 bulbs for . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9.00
250 bulbs for . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 22.00
1000 bulbs for

FRED NELIS, Pres.
HARRY NELIS, Sec'y-Treas.


## NELIS NURSERIES, Inc. <br> Importers <br> Nurserymen

Bulb Growers Nurserymalia

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

April 1954

Dear Customer: 25 years ago the first "Tulip Tirst celebration, it was the only we again extend our hably the finest collec- 25 years wellection of Tulips; probly the best of all these portant part during that firs and now, ever changing con tested and tried. in full bloom could be view increasing and arieties have been be seen by everyone and flower visitors and view the evere hundreds of variour catalog. field and may bublic in the 1953 Intere we may have tion in the country, where and are listed display in our by the public in public. We Anniversary of Tulip varieties have been kept again be on were first seen by the America, the Silver Ans to thes in thies Over 400 varieties whe of these varietie complete novelnth of May, 1954, month of May. Some therlands, and are cou during the monin Show pleasure of showing the the pour patronage which you with our every yours, veryly your INC.
Time.
We also wish to thank all of you for your may continue to please yo mels NURSERIES, INC. interesting business

## GUARANTEE

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Except where clearly stated otherwise in this catalog, we unconditionally guarantee every bulb we ship out to be strictly op size, and to be absolutely true to name. All bulbs shipped by us will grow and bloom under ordinary conditions. We have, however, no control over unfavorable weather or soil conditions, improper planting, neglect, moles or mice, and therefore cannot assume responsibility after they reach you. Stock not reaching you in first class condition should be reported within 10 days aifter receipt and will be replaced free of charge if so received After ten days it is mutually agreed that stock is satisfactory. Do not return bulbs or plants unless so instructed by us.

## LATEST NOVELTY and

We cannot picture each one of these 15 beauties. Please read the descriptions given below.

Each year our Tulip display fields show the latest and newest winners and we select the top favorites for our catalog listing. These two pages make the very best varieties available to you, many of these will probably not be handled by the average seedsman or grower for another decade.

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\text { Per } 3 \text { Doz. } 100
$$

BLACK GIRL. 28 in. The dark est of the "Black Tulips" Medium size flowers on strong stems. Especially lovely in plantings with light Tulips for contrast . . . ............ $\$ 0.5$
*BLUE PRINCESS. 26 in . Beautiful lavender blend, light blue at the base. Strong, showy novelty ............
EDNA BELSINGER. 26 in. Named by Nelis Nurseries in 1952 in honor of one of the outstanding gardeners in Atlanta, Georgia. The color is a lovely blend of peach, orange and touches of char-treuse-yellow. The huge, perfectly shaped flower is borne on a straight, proud stem . .
ELIZABETH ARDEN. 26 in. An immense flower of dark salmon with rosy lavender overtone. The petals are vivid salmon-red inside. An outstanding novelty $\qquad$
HAPPY DAYS. 30 in. A strik. ing new discovery. A lovely white flower with a broad margin of rosy red
KLONDYKE. 28 in. Most beautiful golden yellow, the shade of Buttercups, with yellow stamens, giving an over-all glowing effect. Enormous flowers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
$\begin{array}{lll}.70 & 2.20 \quad 15.00\end{array}$


## PRIZE-WINNING TULIPS



## NOVELTY COLLECTION

1 each (labeled) 15 bulbs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 4.50
3 each (labeled) 45 bulbs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12.00
6 each (labeled) 90 bulbs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20.00
12 each (labeled) 180 bulbs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 37.50


MAGICIAN. 30 in. White, with a pur ple edge. It has no equal in color and performance

MARIE NICHOLSON. 29 in. Out standing rosy red with a glossy sheen. A Tulip of fine shape and great strength. Named for the first presi dent of the American Tulip Society. A Nelis introduction

MASKARADE. 29 in. Deep yellow, edged red. Another award winner, as most of the varieties listed in this group
$60 \quad 1.85 \quad 12.5()$
MOUNT HOOD. 29 in . The largest and most spectacular pure white Tulip in the late flowering varieties

POGGENBEEK. 30 in . Unique novel, ty. Cherry-red, edged Turkish red. Winner of Award of Merit and First Class Certificate. A striking beauty.
$80 \quad 2.40$
17.00

QUEEN OF THE BARTIGONS. 28 in. Pure salmon-pink with yellow stamens. Winner of many awards . . 1.

ROSY WINGS. 29 in. Radiant, pure apricot-pink, white base. A new intro. duction of last year, which was received with great enthusiasm by Tu. ip Time visitors. Huge flower ...

SWEET HARMONY. 26 in. Oblong shaped flowers of clear lemon-yellow with an ivory, white border. A very unusual and pleasing novelty ...... 1 $1.00 \quad 3.25$

ZOMERSCHOON. 20 in. Soft, sal mon-pink flames on a silvery back ground. An unusually lovely variety.



## May-Flowering Tulips

BLEU AIMABLE. 26 in. Blue-purple chang ing to carmine-blue as the flower ages A very handsome Tulip $\$ 0.50 \quad \$ 1.50 \quad \$ 10.25$
CAROLINE TESTOUT. 30 in . One of the finest light pink Tulips of perfect shape. White base, medium size flowers with ex ceptional lasting qualities vivid red, a magnificent variety which will always keep its great popularity. Very at tractive and bright
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CITY OF HAARLEM. 29 in. Bright glittering scarlet with steel-blue base. One of the best for forcing or bedding . . . . . . . . $\begin{array}{lll}60 & 1.80 & 12.50\end{array}$ ONDE NAST. 27 in. Strong and beautiful waxy yellow, suffused with salmon overcast as the flower ages. Late blooming


Per 3 Doz. 100
FAUST. 30 in. Dark satiny purple with white base. Enormous flower of fine form, quite the best in this color. Highly recommended ....
GEORGE DICKS. 30 in. Enormous salmon-pink. A glorified Clara Butt Tulip .....................
GEISHA. 28 in. Dove color, inside purple. A hard-to-describe color The outside is pale violet to buff changing to a grayish lilac. Very attractive pastel

| $\$ 0.55$ | $\$ 1.55$ | $\$ 10.50$ |
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| .55 | 1.75 | 12.00 |

GLACIER. 27 in. Sometimes called Wildlust this flower is a perfect ivory-white giving an almost transparent effect
GOLDEN BRONZE. 26 in . This lovely Tulip is the exact color its name implies. Bulbs produce from 3 to 6 flowers per plant. Medium size flowers


GOLDEN HARVEST. 29 in. Tall, deep lemon'yellow flowers of great substance, with a lovely shading of pale green through the blossom, making it one of the rarest and loveliest of yellow Tulips ........................ $\$ 0.50 \quad \$ 1.50$
GOLDEN MEASURE. 22 in . Golden yellow inside, outside slightly lighter in color, with a very narrow band of red. Very large, egg shaped flower, a real novelty. Fragrant
GOLDFINCH. 29 in. Golden chestnut, interior mahogany-brown flushed lilac through the center of petals. Pointed flower on tall strong stem. Sweet scented . . . . . .
GRENADIER. 21 in . Dazzling vermilion orange. Excellent in clumps in the border as outstand. ing bright spots in the color scheme. Most effective in full sun. Early bloomer
$\begin{array}{lll}.45 & 1.50 & 10.00\end{array}$
G. W. LEAK. 28 in. Brilliant flowers of geranium-scarlet. The tips of the petals turn down, showing the lovely pale base. Ideally suited for American climate, this tall strong variety is a compelling beauty
$60 \quad 1.80 \quad 12.00$
H. I. PRATT. 27 in. Delicate lavender blending, edges overlaid with gold, set off with a narrow edge of golden yellow. Inside more heavily overlaid changing to yellow at the base
INGA HUME. 26 in. Red, with a broad, sharply lined yellow edge, inside deep yellow slightly sprayed red
JEROEN BOSCH. 28 in. An unusual color combination. Light ma-roon-red with the edges of the petals bordered bronze changing to golden yellow at the tips. Oval shaped, large flower ..........
JESSY. 28 in. Warm chestnutbrown and purple combination. Artistic coloring and good growing habits make this variety always a favorite
KATHLEEN PARLOW. 30 in Bright silvery rose. Very delicate colored blossom carried on tall stem. Highly recommended. Slightly fragrant . ..............
KING MAUVE. 29 in. Rich, purplish mauve, the most imposing of this color. Large flower of perfect form. Very strong tall stem
LADY HILLINGDON. 27 in . Richly veined orange. The white center of the petal has a salmon overcast. Inside orange blendings with deep orange-yellow base..
LA TULIPE NOIRE. 26 in . Deep maroon-black with a velvety sheen. One of the darkest varieties
MARGEAUX. 30 in. The gorgeous blossoms are wine-red, almost dubonnet. Outstanding color and large flower of perfect shape. . MARJORIE BOWEN. 31 in . Buff-salmon and orange shades melt into each other and turn to pink as the flower ages.
A very graceful variety ..

MARSHALL HAIG. 27 in. Large bronze-red flowers edged crimson. As the flower ages it becomes brilliant crimson with a bright interior and golden yellow base. Finest scarlet in this price class .. \$0.60 $\quad \$ 1.80 \quad \$ 12.00$
MAZEPPA. 28 in. Brilliant ger-anium-scarlet. Long oblong flow. ers. Tips of petals slightly reflexed. Exceptional color appeal and perfect form .............
MONTGOMERY. 26 in. White with clearly marked red edge. A new very striking variety which we are sure you will like ......
MOUNT EREBUS. 29 in. Spectacular pure white with white stamens. Highly recommended
MRS. J. T. SCHEEPERS. 24 in . One of the largest bright yellow Tulips, with a long oval flower which holds its shape to the end
NARDI. 27 in . Immense flowers of American - Beauty - red. Another lovely addition to the Giant flowering Tulips. In its early stages its characteristic is a dis arming rosebud shape ........
NEW ORLEANS. 28 in . Intense claret-crimson with blue base. Strong, vivid color .............
NIPHETOS. 27 in. Soft sulphur yellow, inside primula-yellow anthers. A gorgeous variety and it keeps excellently
ORANGE BURCHT. Maroon at the tips, flows into maroon and golden yellow at the base. Large flowers which keep well. A warm and glowing color ..............
ORANGE GLOW. 32 in. Magnificent golden yellow overlaid with orange and buff. Wiry, tall stems. The finest light orange Tulip.
PRICELESS. 26 in . Tall white, edged vivid red. Petals slightly pointed. A great improvement over the old variety Picotee ....
PRIDE OF ZWANENBURG. 28 in. A beautiful salmon-rose with a narrow edge of blush-rose. This is the tall salmon-pink bloom for which every connoisseur has been looking for years

## PRINCESS ELIZABETH MAX.

 28 in. Clear, deep pink changing to rose pink. Lovely well shaped flower. A taller and larger im. provement over the old variety Princess ElizabethQUEEN OF THE NIGHT. 28 in . Deep velvety maroon, nearly black. Tall straight stem, showy
RIVIERA. 30 in . Soft lilac, large cup-shapd flower. A very desirable variety, always greatly admired by our Tulip Time visitors.
SCARLET BEAUTY. 28 in. Beautiful fiery red-scarlet without any markings. One of the best reds for outside plantings. Tall, straight stem with long lasting qualities of flowers

Margeaux
$55 \quad 1.55 \quad 10.50$

| .55 | 1.55 | 10.50 |
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$.60 \quad 1.80 \quad 12.00$

| 70 | 2.20 | 15.50 |
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$.60 \quad 1.80 \quad 12.00$
$65 \quad 2.00 \quad 13.75$

| .55 | 1.80 | 11.75 |
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| .50 | $1.45 \quad 9.50$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$.55 \quad 1.60 \quad 11.00$
$.50 \quad 1.45 \quad 9.50$
$60 \quad 1.80 \quad 12.00$


- Kalis Most Popular Collection "A Ten Color Collection"



## Roem von Berlin

RHINELAND, 22 in . Oblong flower with slightly re flexing petals of scarlet, with a distinct yellow
flexing pftals of scarlet, with a distinct yellow
edge ................................................. $\$ 1.50 \quad \$ 9.75$ ROEM VON BERIIN. 20 in. Cup shaped flower of bright scarlet, edged golden yellow, making a very ROSE BEAUTY. 20 in. A lovely rose colored Tulip with an almost white border. Cup-shaped flower SCARLET SENSATION. 15 in. Outstanding luminous vermilion-red. A fine variety for showy flower ROLAND. 24 in. Beautiful egg shaped flowers of lovely bright scarlet edged ivory. Majestically carried on tall and strong stems .................... creamy white, bordered with a lovely cherry-rose.
One of our finest Triumphs TORRENS. 26 in. Triumphs
red show. Tulin. An exceptionally large scarletample of Tulip, very strong plant. Another ex URSA MINOR breeding by present day hybridizers. ceptional bedding variety. The finest golden yellow in this class. Highly recommended

## - New and Splendid TRIUMPH TULIPS

## Giant Flowers of Majestic Splendor

This new race, which blooms about 8 days earlier than the Darwin type, is becoming better known every year, and during our annual Tulip Show more and more people are becoming interested in it. The average Show more and more people are becoming interested in it. The average
height is shorter than the Darwins, but these Tulips are of extremely height is shorter than the Darwins, but these Tulips are of extremely
sturdy growth and therefore are excellent for bedding purposes. The vasturdy growth and therefore are excellent
ricties we are listing are among the latest.
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { ALBERIO. } 24 \mathrm{in} \text {. Warm shade of deep winerred with } \\ \text { a narrow edge of flesh-pink. Very large and sturdy. } \$ 0.50 & \$ 1.50 & \$ 10.00\end{array}$ BANDOENG. 16 in . Mahogany-red with a narrow dark yellow border. Very attractive, especially effective if planted against a green background white. Fine shape and form, excellent for bedding. ELMUS. 24 in. Cherry red with a narrow creamy white edge around the petals. Extra large flower. GLADSTONE. 26 in. Extra large flower of lovely reddish purple. Makes an unforgettable showing if planted with a clear yellow like Ursa Minor GREAT CITY: 24 ins...................................... distinct yellow border ${ }^{\text {dic.................................. } 18 \text { in. Dark red, of exceptionally uniform }}$ size and color. Ideal flower for showy beds and outdoor planting. Always a best-seller at Tulip Time when it is seen in bloom in our field
JOHANNA. 22 in . Light salmon-rose, inside shad. ing to vermilion with canary-yellow base. Large flower poised on a tall stem. Highly recommend KANSAS. 22 in. Snow white with lemon yellow base and yellow stamens, growing to a medium height. This is one of the best whites for out door planting ............................................ which blend to pale lavender at the edges A flower which for the past vears attracted very much flower which for the past years attracted very much available for listing in this catalog
PRESIDENT VON HINDENBURG. 24 in purpis garnet-red with yellow edge. Large, strong flower garnet-red with yellow edge. Large, strong flowe which lasts a long time. Highly recommended .. $\begin{array}{llll}.60 & 1.80 & 11.75\end{array}$

## GIANT TRIUMPH TULIP COLLECTION

## ALBERIO. Wine, pink edge

 BANDOENG. Mahogany. JOHANNA. Salmon.KANSAS. Whit
SCARLET SENSATION. Ver. RHINELAND. Yellow red blend. 3 each of 6 varieties ( 18 bulbs, labeled) .... $\$ 2.95$
6 each of 6 varieties ( 36 bulbs, labeled)
12 each of 6 varieties ( 72 bulbs, labeled)
25 each of 6 varieties ( 150 bulbs, labeled)

## - Vouelty PARROT TULIPS

These New Parrots, in contrast to the older varieties, have strong, firm atems and keep the flowers erect, making them a valuable addition to any garden. The Parrots are entirely different from all other Tulip varieties and are now available at greatly reduced prices.
BLACK PARROT. 26 in . Deepest blue-black, inside and
out. A new, highly recommended Parrot ................. $\$ 0.85$ \$2.60 $\$ 18.00$ BLUE PARROT. 26 in . A glorious flower of bright violet shading to steel-blue, gradually changing to a most pleas ing blue. Very large flower with strong stem. Spart and color of Darwin Tulip Bleu Aimable .................... and darker flames. Giant blossoms. Parrot Doorman took all the top honors at the 1952 Atlanta, Georgia, Flower Show,
FANTASY. 22 in. Beautiful salmon-pink with a much darker interior, outside the petals are veined emerald-green. This variety was and remains a great success and favorite. Sport and color of Darwin Tulip Clara Butt
FARADAY. 22 in . The delicate creamy petals bear veins of red and green. A truly outstanding and very different Parrot. The supply is still short, please order early to assure delivery
FIREBIRD. 22 in . An appealing new addition to the Parrot class, of penetrating red. The center of the beautifully ruffled petals is marked green on the outside. Psoduced through X-ray by Dr. de Mol from Fantasy
GADELAN. 22 in . Violet and mauve with purple shading, center white. A magnificent varisty of gigantic size and Sensation substance. Sport and color of Darwin Tulip
MISS KAY. 27 in. A large, exquisite bloom of dark crimson. maroon. Sport and color of Darwin Tulip Allard Pierson. OPAL QUEEN. 26 in . Very beautiful pearl-blue Parrot of remarkable size, carried on a strong stem. Sport and color of Darwin Tulip Glory of Walworth. Highly recommend ed .......................................................... ORANGE FAVORITE. 22 in . After many years we are happy to offer an orange Farrot Tulip. This elegant variety has attractively frilled petals marked with green on variety Orange King. One of the most fragrant Tulips variety Orange King. One of the most fragrant Tulips
known
PINK CHAMPION. 20 in . Extra large white blossoms which are bordered with a pink margin. A very unusual and pleasing color combination ..................................... THERESE. 29 in. Brilliant scarlet. inside glittering scarlet of lighter shade, producing a tremendously large flower with a white center, bordered blue, Sport and color of Darwin Tulip Farncombe Sanders. Highly recommended TEXAS GOLD, 24 in . By far the largest and most grandiose flowers are bordered with a narrow edge of vivid red which enhances the flower still more. For size and beauty we

## PARROT TULIP COLLECTION

BLUE PARROT. Violet.
THERESE. Scarlet.
TEXAS GOLD. Yellow.
ORANGE FAVORITE. Orange, TEXAS
each of 4 varieties ( 12 bulbs, labeled)
6 each of 4 varieties ( 24 bulbs, labeled)
12 each of 4 varieties ( 48 bulbs, labeled)
25 each of 4 varieties ( 100 bulbs , labeled)


Chrysantha


## BOTANICAL TULIP COLLECTION

## Cornuta Stenopetala

Eichleri
Marjoletti Saxatilis
6 each of 4 varieties ( 24 bulbs, labeled)
12 each of 4 varieties ( 48 bulbs, labeled)
25 each of 4 varieties ( 100 bulbs, labeled)
For permanent planting. Once planted they need no further care. These wild Tulips come in lovely odd shapes, many with reflexed petals and curiously $t$ wisted and reflexed foliage. They belong in the rock garden where they thrive and increase if left in the ground from year to year. Plant them in groups of 6 or 12 bulbs among the rocks in fairly well drained pockets. We have eliminated all varieties of inferior and poor blooming qualities and list only those varieties which have given satisfaction under American growing conditions.

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\text { Per } 3 \text { Doz. } 100
$$


in existence, a real novelty. Color rich yellow CLUSIANA. (Little Lady Tulip.) 7 in. Out. er petals cherry-red, inner petals white with deep blue base. This variety has been off the market for some years and we are pleased to CORNUTA STENOPETALA.. 15 in. Gra. ciously formed flowers of scarlet and goid. The long, narrow and twisted petals give an effect which is not seen in any other Tulips. most interesting species and has a long DASYSTEMON. 6 in. Incredibly lovely flowers of canary-yellow, petals tipped pure white. The flowers open flat and look like fallen stars. Especially effective when planted as a border in front of the bright red early Kaufmanniana Tulips. Glossy green foliage. Excel. EICHLERTI species 10 in. Crimson-scarlet, shaded orange with glittering black center marked with gold. Very large flower. This variety will outshine a great many of our cultivated Tulips. Native of Turkestan. Highly recom. KAUFMANNIÄNA, THE FIRSTY. $\boldsymbol{\eta}^{7}$ in. An. other new form, color rose to white, base yellow. Outside carmine-red edged white. Large MARJOLETTI. 14 in. Soft primrose with a carminered border. The flower held on strong, straight stem. Native of Savoy, PRAESTANS, FUSILIER. 8 in. Largest of the Pracstans type. Flowers bright vermilion. red, producing 4 to 5 flowers per plant at SAXATILIS. 14 in. Very rare, bearing often 2 lilac flowers with yellow center on each stem. It appears very early therefone we sug. gest you plant it in a sheltered spot .........
$.90 \quad 3.00$
$1.30 \quad 4.35$

Cornuta Stenopetala

$\$ 3.50$
11.50
$60 \quad 1.95 \quad 13.00$
$65 \quad 2.15 \quad 15.00$
$45 \quad 1.40 \quad 9.50$
$45 \quad 1.50 \quad 10.00$
$50 \quad 1.85 \quad 12.50$


Clusiana


Eichleri
Kaufmanniana


## Late Flowering I

ALLEGRO. 22 in . American-Beauty-red with a distinct white edge. This new variety is
extremely full and double ................... $\$ 0.60 \quad \$ 2.00 \quad \$ 14.00$
AVONDZON. (Setting Sun), 20 in. Delicate soft orange, changing to salmon with gold at edges. Inside deep orange, resembling the setting sun ................................. ARTHUR GODFREY. New double red. 18 in. This vivid red Novelty Tulip, grown exclusively by Nelis Nurseries, Inc., was dedicated and presented to Arthur Godfrey on his May Tulip Time TV Show in 1952. The supply is still short, and this variety cannot be bought anywhere else. There fore we must limit the sales ..............
BLUE FLAG. 22 in. Lovely lavender-blue Hlower carried on a strong, sturdy stem. Although an old variety it is much admired each year by our Tulip Time visitors. Ex each year by our
tremely large and attractive flowers ........
1.10

CLARA CARDER. 22 in. A new Peony flowered Tulip of vivid rose color. This variety is fast becoming one of the most popular new Doubles $\ldots . . .{ }^{2} \$ 0.80 \quad \$ 2.50 \quad \$ 17.50$

DALADIER. 20 in. Deep carmine-rose with lighter edge. Very sturdy growth with strong, stiff stems. Very pleasing

DOUBLE FANTASY. 22 in. A sport of Parrot Fantasy. Beautiful rosy pink with white and green veins, very double, ruffled and a truly outstanding beauty ....................................

Mt. Tacoma


## MIXED LATE DOUBLE TULIPS

Offered For The First Time To prolong the blooming period of Double Tulips, which we also offer in the Double Early mixed, on page 10, we are listing this new, complete mixture of Late Doubles, contain. ing all late varieties listed on these two pages, plus many oth. ers. The Double Tulips, with their striking Peony-like fullness always make a gay splash of color in your spring garden. The effect is always splendid, whether planted in beds, small groups, or borders.

Per doz. \$1.95;
Per $100 \$ 13.00$

## Doufle Gliant Julips

## DOUBLE PRUNUS. 24 in . Very double rose

 pink on strong, sturdy stems. This variety was first offered during our 1949 Tulip Fes. tival and has grown enormausly in popularity each year ....................................... $\$ 0.50$ \$1.65 $\$ 11.00$EDITH HELEN. 22 in. Soft lavender-pink; a
most pleasing shade-a new color in the Giant Doubles

MOUNT TACOMA. 22 in. Purest double white with emerald-green markings on the outer petals. Very full flower and sturdy stems

NIZZA. 20 in. As gay as the carnival colors of this southern French city, striped red on creamy yellow ground and spectacular where ever planted ................................ . 60 1.80 12.00



Solid Mahogany

## America's Favorite

100 Iris were chosen as the top favorites by the American Iris Society as a result of the 14 th Sympos. ium in 1953. Top favorites are marked with a star on these two pages.

Listed this year you will find many old and new favorites and OUTSTANDING NEW BEARDED IRIS, every one a beauty.
Our severe Michigan climate will not tolerate any weak varieties and the Iris listed here are guaranteed hardy and will give you $100 \%$ satisfaction.

## SHIPMENT BEGINS AUGUST 15th

## 5 GARDEN IRIS COLLECTION

1 each, labeled, as pictured.
Blue Rhythm

Hall's Flamingo Pink<br>Solid Mahogany

Cloth of Gold
Plus Heroique, the largest pure white.

> This $\$ 8.50$ Value $\$ \$ .95$ for Only $\$ 4.95$

## Each Per 3

*BLUE RHYTHM. Huge, well formed flowers of cornflower-blue. Won 2nd place among the 100 top favorites in 1953. An outstanding beauty. It has no equal in color and performance no equal seen, is never forgotten...$\$ 1.25$
*BLUE SHIMMER. The large flowers of clear white have a blue edging, resembling finest porcelain ...........
*CHANTILLY. Orchid-pink with lace like edge on both standards and falls. Appropriately named after the famous beautiful Chantilly lace. The blossoms have unusually heavy substance .... 1.50
*CHERIE. Described as "Queen of the Pinks". It received the highest award an Iris can have. Grows high and erect and multiplies rapidly. A clump of Cherie is an unforgettable sight, not only for its rare beauty in color but also for its truly regal bearing ......
*CLOTH OF GOLD. If you want the most glowing golden yellow, which produces an abundance of flowers, we recommend this lovely Iris. Together with Solid Mahogany this rich color makes a breath-taking arrangement, and by itself it can only be described as the best golden yellow we have seen. 1.25

DAZZELIER. The flowers, which have the same brilliant yellow and orange color of Ola Kala, are about one-third larger than this great Iris. Often attains a height of 44 inches. Exceptional in beauty and strength
*GRAND CANYON. A blending of plum, copper and gold with a unique sheen, of silky appearance and very different
*GREAT LAKES. A clear blue self, that will always remain a favorite, no matter how many times you have grown it, you will always want it again.

## GARDEN IRIS

Each Per 3
HALL'S FLAMINGO PINK. One of the finest in the NEW PINK IRIS TYPES. Very large flowers and an impressive performer $\$ 1.25$

HEROIQUE. The largest white Iris we have ever grown. Not only does it produce an abundance of bloom so well spaced on sturdy stalks that each flow. er is displayed at its best advantage, it also withstands wind and rain exceptionally well. To see Heroique is always to want it
2.00

JAKE. A tall, stately, fragrant white, worth much more than its present low price

75
*LADY MOHR. Oyster shell white standards and chartreuse falls. A delicate and pleasing color combination. 3rd place among the top 100 Iris of 1953
*MELODY LANE. A really new color. The large flowers are of a glistening golden buff-apricot, slightly ruffled, enhanced by a deep tangerine beard.
*MINNIE COLQUITT. A lovely, mas sive pure white plicata with a broad purple border on standards and falls. Winner of two awards

MULBERRY ROSE. Big, bright purple rose flowers, a truly grand Iris. Tall and abundant in flowering
.75
*PRAIRIE SUNSET. Sensational blend of warm tones from apricot, peach to rose, the glowing colors of the setting sun
1.00

ORLOFF. Rich cinnamon-brown plicata of fine form and quality

RAINBOW ROOM. As colorful as the name. Light buff ground color, shaded with apricot-buff. There is a rich blue haze on the falls under the golden beard. The flower fairly glows, appearing to be lighted from within

RED VALOR. Superb, gleaming red with extra heavy substance. Brown beard. A rich, colorful and imposing beauty

ROCKET. Deep yellow standards and orange-chrome falls, broad petaled and of good substance

ROYAL COACH. Yellow plicata with definite brown stitching. Very well formed flowers. Tall and stately ....
*SABLE. A rich velvety black-purple, it stands out in any Iris show because of its extraordinary lustrous sheen ...
*SOLID MAHOGANY. Glowing, deep reddish brown. Its beauty defies all descriptions
*TIFFANY. Yellow plicata, stitched rosy pink. Very appealing color
*WABASH. Snowy white standards contrasted by rich deep purple falls with fine white border75

Hall's Flamingo Pink

ACTARA. (Poeticus, Per 3 Doz. 100 perianth, cup yellow, edged red. We consider this the best of the grant. M. ....................... $\$ 0.50$ \$1.55 $\$ 10.50$

ARTISTE. (Short cupped.) Light yellow perianth. Short, flaring cup of golden yellow, edged with a narrow orange border. The
thing one notices at once it its artistic balance and proportions along with unusual substance and qlong with unusual substance and

BEERSHEBA. (Trumpet.) Perianth and trumpet of magnificent pros portions. Sturdy foliage and stcm. Height 20 to 22 inches. The color is pure white. Those who are forming collections of
the finest Narcissi rate Beersheba the finest Narcissi rate Beersheba
at the top of the large white trumpets. Received an Award of Merit and a First Class Certifi
cate. ME. .........................

BLUSH QUEEN. (Short-cupped.)
White perianth, small frilled or
angerpink cup, fragrant
BRIDESMAID. (Long•cupped.)
Pure white, large perianth with
a very large, fully ruffled cup,
disk-like and delicately shaded
cream, edged soft apricot. A flow.
er of appealing beauty. M. .... $1.00 \quad 3.25 \quad 24.00$

(6) $2.00 \quad 14.00$

CARLTON. (Long cupped.) A handsome variety that is destined to become very popular when widely known. Broad, overlapping pietianth, with a large expanded cup frilled at the brim, the entire flower of a uniform soft yel. low. A magnificent plant of great vigor, very free bloom. ing, early and of long lasting qualities. Excellent for ex. hibition. This variety received an Award of Merit. E. .. $\$ 0.55$ \$1.80 $\$ 12.50$

CHEERFULNESS. (Double Poetaz.) A double form of the famous cluster-flowering Daffodil, creamy white in color. Splendid for garden; late blooming and very fragrant. Re. ceived an Award of Merit. Frequently called the "Gar" denia" Daffodil.
$55 \quad 1.80 \quad 12.50$

DAISY SCHAEFFER. (Long-cupped.) One of the best of the remarkable new long cupped type. The flower is $41 / 2$ inches across with cup of nearly 2 inches. Resembiles a giant Trumpit, but much more graceful in form. Pure white perianth with cup opening primrose, turning to light canary-yellow with a greenish overcast at the base. Long lemon-yellow stigma and styles add to the color harmony of this flower, which has captured an Award of Merit and
several First Class Certificates. ML. ................................

trast between the petals and the cupmake this variety petals and the cupmakes this variety a great beauty. Thefies with age, and flower her
fres with age, and the flower has unusua
lasting qualities. Highly recommended

DOUBLE JONQUIL. The true old fashioned, double, sweet Jonquil with little heads of double, rich yellow flow ers, very fragrant and most attractive

FEU ARDENTE. (Short-cupped.) Latest hovelty. Sulphur-yellow pierianth of moderate size with flat, frilled disk of deep orange'red measuring $1 / 2$ inches Blossoms carried on strong, stiff stems

FIREGLOW. (Short-cupped.) Golden yellow perianth formed by broad over lapping petals with a short ruffled cup edged orange-red changing to orange at the throat. Prolific bloomer. M. .. . $60 \quad 2.00 \quad 13.50$

General<br>MacArthur



FLORA TRISTAN. (Short-cupped.) Symmetrical perianth of deep yellow, medium size, with very wide open disk-like cup of
deep $\begin{aligned} & \text { range-yellow having a dark orange frilled edge. } M\end{aligned}$..... $\$ 0.70 \quad \$ 2.25 \quad \$ 16.00$

FRANZ LISZT. (Short-cupped.) One of the most graciously formed and finest proportioned varieties, with white perianth turning to yellow at the base and a yellow trumpet with narrow orange edge. Prolific bloomer, sweet fragrance. ML. ...........


GOOD LUCK. (Short-cupped.) Perfect perianth of cream-yellow. Its flat, open cup of vivid red changes to orange at the base. Flowers are large and of heavy texture, borne on strong stems well above the foliage. Sweetly fragrant. Originated and introduced by Nelis Nurseries ............\$0.90 $\$ 3.00$.....

GRETA GARBO. (Long cupped.) A beauty and an outstanding novelty. Yellow perianth with the argest flaring orange cup we have ever seen. Stock of this variety is extremely small and there ore we must limit the quantity. Advise plant
in shady location
HANS VAN MEEGEREN. (Short-cupped.) Golden yellow perianth with broad, overlapping petals of symmetrical form; wide open cup of deep
golden yellow with a well defined edge of golden yellow with $\underset{\text { a well }}{\text { defined edge }}$ of
orange-red. Mildly fragrant. ME. ........... . 60 . 2.00 13.50

Daisy Schaeffer

New Yellow Cheerfulness
OHN DIX. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth with a small, dark orange crown about the size of a quarter, which is very finely frilled. Very late, similar to La Riante, which is an earlier variety. Sweet fragrance. L. ......................................... . 60 2.00 13.50

Selma Lageroff
INSULINDE. (Double.) Cream-yellow, interspersed with shorter petals of deep orangered. This flower is not too double to be ungraceful, yet it is attractively full. Sweetly fragrant. M.... $.70 \quad 2.30$
MPERATOR. (Trumpet.) This lovely, graceful Daffodil is con sidered one of the finest varietios and the best in this class. Perianth and cup creamy white. L.


KING ALFRED. (Yellow Trumpet.) Received
a First Class Certificate. An old favorite and
still very good. The finest early giant all golden Narcissus. E. .......................... $\$ 0.65 \quad \$ 2.15 \$ 15.00$

LA RIANTE. (Short cupped.) Greatly admired at the spring flower shows in the Netherlands. Its beautiful white perianth is offset with a brilliant orangerred disk. Worth try ing. Medium height with a decidedly sweet fragrance. M

LUNA. (Jonquil.) A recent introduction, which is, in our estimation, one of the very which is, in our estimation, one of the very best of its type. Produces 2 to 3 large, very Very fragrant. ML. .................. Very fragrant. ML. ..............................

MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. (Long-cupped.) This is the famous "PINK DAFFODIL." This is the famous PINK DAFFODIL Fine, informal perianth of ivory white, ele-
gantly proportioned, slim, long trumpet of gantly proportioned, slim, long trumpet of apricot-pink changing to shell-pink at the
deeply fringed edge. Delicately beautiful but of exceptional substance. Long lasting. Beof exceptional substance.
longs in every collection.

## NARCISSUS OR DAFFODILS - Continued

MARY COPELAND Per 3 D
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new, semi-double type, and termed the most striking new double. The longer petals are pure creamy white with a double. The longer petals are pure creamy white with a petals of lemon and brilliant orange, giving a 3 -color effect.
petals of lemon and brilliant orange, giving a 3 -color effect.
Received a First Class Certificate. Very sweetly fragant. L. $\$ 0.70$

MARY HOLLIS. (Short-cupped.) Small perianth, beauti fully formed, of cream overlaid with lemon-yellow, golden at the tips and center, All orange frilled cup of medium

MONIQUE. (Short-cupped.) Cream-white perianth with over
lapping petals of perfect form. Yellow cup with a clearly
defined edge of orange. A very nice variety, M. ........ . . 60 2.00 14.00

MONTGOMERY. (Short-cupped.) Medium yellow perianth with a bold cup of clear orangered extending the full length of the cup. Tall grower and fragrant. M. ........ . . 60 1.95 13.50

MOZART. (Short-cupped.) Latest novelty with nice over lapping perianth of cream-yellow having a disk-like cup of uniformly deep scarlet and conspicuous stamens of deep yellow. An excellent new introduction. M. .............. . . 60 2.00 14.00


Geranium

ICHARD 100
white perianth of fine form, with flat pold white perianth of fine form, with flat, gold. edge. The perfection of this variety is in its finest form perfection of this variety is in its finest form for which hybridizers have been
aiming. L. .... ............................. $\$ 0.70$. $\$ 2.25 \$ 16.00$

ROBINHOOD. (Trumpet.) A large flower, which blooms medium early. Golden yellow perianth of good form and trumpet of orange yellow, producing an interesting color con. trast. ME ..................

SATURNUS. (Short-cupped.) Large, pure white perianth and an une deeply frilled deep onge all beauk deeply prilla, deep ond a glorious and striking effect against the white background. Strong flower and unquestion.
ably one of the finest. M. ................... flat cup broadly edged orange, which changes flat cup broadly edged orange, which changes
to salmon with age. Prolific bloomer. ME...

LA LEAVIT. (Short-cupped.) Pure white nerianth with yellow cup edged orange-red. Not particularly striking at first sight but increasing in beaut as it ages. Delicately fragrant. M. ............................................. $\$ 0.65$ $\$ 2.15$. $\$ 15.00$

RED GUAND. (Poetaz.) Another winner of an Award of Merit. Perianth of deepest golden yellow overlaid with salmon and a cup of fiery red, $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { making a beautiful and unusual color combination. Heavy spicy odor. ML. } & .75 & 2.35 & 16.50\end{array}$

REINE BLANCHE. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth, which is large and well proportioned. Finely ruffled and flaring cup which opens canary yellow and changes to cream with a peach overcast. Delicate spicy fra yellow and changes to cream with a peach overcast. Delicate spicy fra-
grance. ME. ............................................................

REMBRANDT. (Trumpet.) The best all yellow early trumpet. Extra large and of fine form. E. ........................................................

Dick Wellband



Thalia


SMILING QUEEN. (Short-cupped.) Magnificently proportioned and overlapping pure white perianth offset by a double, flaring, rufled cup of orange, shading golden yellow to the throat. New and
superbly beautiful-the only one of this kind we have ever seen. Spicy fragrance. ME. ........... $\$ 0.70$ \$2.35 $\$ 17.00$

THALIA (Triandrus). In addition to a peculiar attraction, at first sight this flower leaves one with an impression of a whiteness that is not purely white. The recurving petals and the angle of three trumpets are unlike the conventional short cupped Daffodils. The stem is dark green, round and reedlike thin. Called the "Orchid-Flower" Narcissus. L.

## NOVELTY COLLECTION OF NARCISSI <br> BeershebaInsulinde <br> Mary Hollis <br> Mozart <br> Rembrandt <br> Rembrandt <br> Reine Blanche Yellow Cheerfulness

3 EACH of 8 varieties ( 24 bulbs, labeled)
6 EACH of 8 varieties ( 48 bulbs, labeled)
12 EACH of 8 varieties ( 96 bulbs, labeled)
25 EACH of 8 varieties ( 200 bulbs , labeled)

## Exhibition Collection of Narcissi

## Cheerfulness

Fireglow
Hans Van Meegeren
John Dix

King Alfred
Mrs. R. O. Backhouse
Monique
Montgomery
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6 EACH of 8 varieties ( 48 bulbs , labeled)
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25 EACH of 8 varieties ( 200 bulbs, labeled)
golden yellow double cluster flowering. Splendid for the garden or cut flowers. Very fragrant. Late blooming L. .............................................

Mozart



Harry


L'Argentine

## Newest Narcissi

These latest novelties in Narcissi have been tried and tested by us and found superior in every respect. All of them are outstanding in beauty and growing performance. Available only in limited quantities.

FRA ANGELICO (Short, well formed and overlapping. The flaring and ruffled cup is at least 2 inches across flame. Ted the color extending clear down to the orange throat. Well recommended ............ $\$ 0.90 \quad \$ 3.00$

HARRY. (Short-cupped.) Pure white perianth of outstanding proportions. The orange cup is very rufled, esnecially at the proportions. The oranpe cup is very rufled. esnecially at the
edges. This is a very fine variety with spicy fragrance....

L'ARGENTINE. (Short-cupped.) Pure white, perfectly starshaped perianth. Large ruffled cup with obvious stripes, shaped perianth. Large ruffled cup with obvious stripes,
white and yellow, very unusual novelty .................
MRS. WM. COPELAND. (Double.) Very large and pure white perianth. The cup segments are of a creamy tint which fades into white. A splendid flower and good increaser. Fragrant
NELIS FAVORITE. (Short-cupped.) One of our own seedlings, introduced 1952. Large, ruffled perianth of crəamyellow. The ruffled orange cup is interspersed with golden yellow tips. A most interesting novelty

## COLLECTION OF NEWEST NARCISSI

## 9 bulbs, 1 each of 9 (unlabeled) <br> .$\$ 3.35$

27 bulbs, 3 each of 9 (labeled)
54 bulbs, 6 each of 9 (labeled) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17.75

## GOLDEN CASTLE

## (Double Trumpet)

A beautiful, all golden yellow Double Trumpet, which is as double as a Rosebud, and enhanced besides by many shorter, odd sized petals, some of them in the shape of tiny Chinese umbrellas. The fullness of the delightfully fragrant flower, together with its lovely color of pure gold, make us proud to offer it to you. Our customers who ordered Golden Castle last year, have written us many enthused letters and acknowledged the fact that this flower performd beyond ex. pectation. The illustration is not quite doing justice to the original, as it does not show the long definite trumpet shape in favor of showing the inside of the ruffled center. Each $\$ 1.75 ; \$ 5.00$ per $3 ; \$ 17.50$ per doz.

PAPILLON BLANCHE. (Short-cupped.) Large, well propor tioned and full perianth of veined, creamy white. The open cup consists of six creamy white petals which overlap slightly and are lemon-yellow at the tip, blending to a deep green at the base. A flower of unusual beauty which never fails to draw attention. Still very scarce ........................... PARAKEET. (Short-cupped.) Well shaped perianth of Dres. den yellow. Its finely ruffled cup of clear orange extending deep down into the throat. A Nelis introduction ........ XELLOW PRICE. (Short-cupped.) Lemon y-llow perianth with short cup of same color. Cup edged orange. Two blossoms per stem. Latest bloomer known ................. OTHELLO. (Short-cupped.) Straw-yellow perianth deepening in color toward the center of the flower. Frilled, deep orange cup. Perfect farm, free blooming, sweetly fragant. $\stackrel{\text { oran }}{\text { ML }}$

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## FOR NATURALIZING

Suitable for Garden Display,
Woodland Planting or Cutting
Practically any soil has been found suitable, and they are grown equally well in the open air as among trees and in woodland. Contains a mixture of large Trumpets, Short-Cupped, and Poeticus types, a mixture that cannot be equalled for value and worth much more than we charge for them. Plant at least 8 inches deep, but avoid places where water may collect at any time, as they like drainage.

Try to plant before October 15 th, or shortly thereafter, and place your order early, as the demand is increasing for these bulbs at this special low price which we have adopted. We cannot take orders for less than 50 bulbs. All blooming size bulbs. 50 bulbs
$\$ 3.75$
.7 .00
250 bulbs ... $\$ 16.90$ 100 bulbs ..... $7.00 \quad 1000$ bulbs ... 65.00

## NELIS SUPER QUALITY DAFFODIL MIXTURE

To those of you who are interested in immediate results in a much better than average mixture, we are pleased to offer our Nelis Super-Quality Daf. fodil Mixture of super-quality bulbs. One of the most outstanding hybridizers of Daffodils is constantly supplying us with their entire crop of new hybrids, to which we have added the best of Yellow Trumpet and other high quality, standard named varieties. The result is an insurpassable mixture of the widest possible range of color and bloom. ing. Ideal for naturalizing where quality is de sired and names are immaterial. All large, mature bulbs, which will give you a wealth of blooms at once, many producing as many as two or three flowers per bulb the first year after planting.
25 bulbs ..... $\$ 3.50 \quad 100$ bulbs ... $\$ 12.00$ 50 bulbs ..... $6.50 \quad 250$ bulbs ... 29.00


## PAPER WHITE DAFFODILS

## Imported From France

The French grown Paper-Whites are of first rate quality and ideal for indoor planting in pots, sand, gravel or fiber. Plant different lots every two weeks from October 1st to March 1st, and these bulbs will give you an abundance of beautiful fragrant flowers dur ing the winter months. Not suitable for outdoor planting, except south of the Carolinas. We offer only Jumbo size, or exhibition size bulbs

Per doz. $\$ 1.75$ Per $100 \$ 12.50$

PaperWhite Daffodils

## Blue Grape Otyacinths

## for Naturalizing

HEAVENLY BLUE. Blooming size bulbs. Height about 10 inches. These bulbs are ideal for bordering, especially effective in combination with Daffodils.
50 bulbs for
$\$ 2.00$
100 bulbs for 3.75

250 bulbs for 8.50

1000 bulbs for
30.00

## MUSCARI (Grape Hyacinth)

Top size bulbs. Ideal for naturalizing and cut flowers.
Heavenly Blue. 65 c per doz.; $\$ 4.50$ per 100
Azureum Album. White, new improved variety, much larger than old type, in fact as large as the Heavenly Blue Mus cari. 85 c per doz.; $\$ 6.50$ per 100 .

Muscari Azureum Album


# Gorgsous COLCHICUMS 

## Sensational Wonder Bulb

## The only bulbs that will bloom indoors without soil, without water, without care

Place it, just as it is, on the mantel, window ledge or table and with no further attention on your part, it will reward you with its exquisitely lovely blooms. Use these bulbs for gifts. The usefulness of the bulbs does not end after the blossoms fade. Plant them outdoors in the fall and in the spring luxuriant green foliage appears. When the foliage has died down, dig up the bulbs and the blooming will be repeated indoors.

NEW GIANT FLOWERING COLCHICUMS<br>AUTUMNALE MAJOR. Lavender. 35 c each; 3 for $\$ 1.00 ; \$ 3.00$ per doz.

Colchicums

## STERNBERGIA LUTEA

(Golden Yellow Autumn Flower)
We have been fortunate in obtaining a shipment from Turkey, where the Sternber gias are native, and we are now able to offer you these scarce flowers. The bulbs develop their foliage shortly be fore blooming, adding to the beauty of the richly textured yellow flowers which come forth around mid-September and reach a height of 6 to 8 inches. They are perfectly hardy and may be used for AUTUMN QUEEN. Dark lilac, exceptionally nice. 50c each; 3 for $\$ 1.35$; $\$ 5.00$ per doz.


Sternbergia

LILAC WONDER. Clear mauve, very prolific. 50c each; 3 for $\$ 1.35 ; \$ 5.00$ per doz.

VIOLET QUEEN. A majestic lilac violet. 50c each; 3 for $\$ 1.35$; $\$ 5.00$ per doz.

## COLLECTION OF COLCHICUMS

bulbs (unlabeled) $\$ 1.75$
12
bulb collection, 3 each of $\$ 4.85$ 24

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& \text { bulb collection, } 6 \text { each of } \$ 8.75 \\
& 4 \text { varieties, labeled ..... } \$ 8 .
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Shipment of All Items on This Page Starts in August

Lycoris potting indoors also. Plant in late summer.

## Sycoris

Squamigera
(Hardy Amaryllis Halli)
Produces attractive green foliage which grows,
early spring until July, when it ripens disappears. About a month later, as if by magic, the flower stalk springs from the ground to a height of 2 to 3 feet, developing an umbel of large Lily-shaped flowers, 8 to 12 in number, of a delicate, lilac-pink shade. The bulb is perfectly hardy. In planting, cover crown about 4 inches with soil.


## HARDY ANEMONE

Blanda Atrocoerulea Height 3 inches Rich violet blue flowers ap pear in large quantity in early spring, just after the Snowdrops have bloomed The flowers are carried in rich abundance above fern-like foliage Perfectly hardy and willing to bloom well in light shade, they make a wonderful show under shrubs, in rock gardens or in naturalized masses under trees. Alwavs plant in clumps (preferably of a dozen bulbs) for best effect. Set 3 inches deep and 2 inches apart.

Per doz. $\$ 1.00$; per $100 \$ 7.50$

## New LEUCOJUM VERNUM

(Giant Snowdrops)

An early and most attractive spring flower bearing nodding flowers of white tipped with green and grows around ten to twelve inches high. They should be planted in early fall in good, well-drained soil, 4 inches deep. Especially effective if planted in clumps, 4 to 5 inches apart. After they become well established they bloom more beautifully each year.

Per doz. $\$ 1.85 \quad$ Per $100 \$ 13.50$

## NEW IXIOLIRION PALLASI

Lovely flowers of deep blue or violet, popu larly call "Siberian Bluebell." Flowers in the spring and bulbs are hardy.

Per doz. 95c Per $100 \$ 7.00$
Ixiolirion Pallasi



Leucojum Vernum

## OXALIS ADENOPHYLLA

6 to 8 in. Soft lilac-pink flowers carried on very handsome blue green foliage. Oxalis blooms abundantly and 4 to 5 inches apart in the fall. Give light pro. and 4 to 5 inches apart
tection during the winter.
$\$ 1.60$ per doz. $\$ 2.75$ per $25 \quad \$ 10.50$ per 100

## Oxalis Adenophylla



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Scilla Campanulata © $\mathrm{Vev}^{\prime}$

## GIANT SCILLA CAMPANULATA

These graceful new Scillas far surpass the old types. Ideal for cut flowers with their long stems, as well as for naturalizing. Thrive in full sun, partial shade or full shade. Bloom together with the late Tulips, when all other Hyacinth-types are through blooming.
Heavenly Doz. 100
Rum Blue. Blue … ... \$0.85 $\$ 6.50$
Rhineland. Rose pink ...... . $85 \quad 6.50$
White Triumphator. White.. . $85 \quad 6.50$
Mixed. All colors . ........ . 80 6.00

## CHIONODOXA

(Glory-of-the-Snow)
These lovely, earliest of spring flowers of deep blue with a white center, attain a height of 7 inches and produce spikes bearing 10 to 15 Scilla-like flow. ers. Perfectly hardy. Plant close together for best effect. Per doz. 50c Per $100 \$ 3.50$



(Bulbous)

This magnificent mixture of bulbous English Iris has been developed at our nur series, and contains all the choicest varieties which can pos sibly be had in these fine Iris. The English Iris are a bulbous Iris which bloom in our latitude about the early part of July, and come after all other bulbous Iris. They should be planted as soon after receiving them as possible for best results. They prefer the more moist and heavier soils, and should have good drainage. The blooms of the English Iris are considered to be the finest of any in the Iris class, and each individual bloom is strikingly beautiful and as cut flowers they are unsurpassed. We are offering them in a fine mixture of colors. $\$ 1.65$ per doz.; $\$ 12.00$ per 100 .

## IRIS SHILKA (veper risi)

The graceful filigree of the branches of these Vesper Iris is studded with from one to two hundred jewel-like flowers, truly a mammoth bouquet. The delicately colored blossoms, which at a distance resemble a multitude of gorgeous butterflies at rest with motionless outstretched wings, vary in color, including such hues as translucent lav ender with markings of mahogany, lemon, copper and orange-brown. The Shilka Iris, which are exceedingly easy to grow, bloom for a month during July and August when flowers are scarce. Vesper Iris resist both severe cold and intense heat with impunity. Be the first in your locality to grow this unique Iris. $\$ 1.95$ per $5 ; \$ 3.50$ per 10 .


Dutch
Iris,
Lemon
Queen

A new and early flowering race coming into bloom just after the Tulips are gone. The flowers are large, resembling Orchids, and are distinctive and brilliant in color. Flowers of heavy texture and when cut have wonderful keeping qualities. Bulbs should be planted in the fall, 5 inches deep, in well drained soil, with a light protection after freezing weather sets in. Offered at new low prices. Doz. 100 SAX BLUE. Rich dark blue with a distinctive yellow blotch, very large. $28 \mathrm{in} . . . . . . .$. . . $\$ 1.00$
$\$ 7.00$
LEMON QUEEN. 28 in. New lovely pure lemon yellow ............................... . . 1.10
WHITE EXCELISOR. 22 in . Uniform pure white falls, very broad, of good form and substance

## IRIS RETICULATA

(Bulbous)

This lovely species is one of the treasures of the garden or rock garden. It can be describ ed as a small form of the Dutch Iris, or Spanish Iris. Its main value lies in the fact that it can be forced into bloom in the house with the greatest ease. Six or eight bulbs put into a 4 . to 5 -inch pot when received will bloom about Christmas time. The fragrant blooms remind one of a bunch of fresh Violets. Perfectly hardy with reasonable protection. It is one of the loveliest early flowering bulbs for the rockery. $\$ 1.00$ per doz.; $\$ 7.25$ per 100 .




Lilium Candidum

## Autumn Howering Iris - Flowers in Spring and Fall

Profuse blooming in spring, and with the proper care; another lower crop in the fall. While best results are obtained with these ris below the Mason-Dixon line, with a little care we have had fall bloomers even here in Michigan
AUTUMN ELF, 22 in. Ruffled standards of cream, flaring AUTUMN KING JR. 30 in. New violet fragrance Standards light lavender, falls hyssop-violet. Giant fall bloomer
BLACK MAGIC. 26 in. Fine, profuse fall bloomer. Deep SOUND MONEY. 24 in . Golden yellow fall bloomer SOUND MONEY. 24 in. Golden yellow fall bloomer

## Each Doz.

. $\$ 0.40 \quad \$ 4.00$

$40 \quad 4.00$
$45 \quad 4.50$
$40 \quad 4.00$

## SCILLA SIBIRICA

 SPRING BEAUTYBlue. 4 in. Dainty little blue flowers, invaluable for edging borders, or massed in flower beds. Hardy and very satisfac tory.

85c per doz. $\$ 6.50$ per 100

ULTRA. 20 in. A new deep purple which blooms freely 40 Dozh WHITE AUTUMN. 30 in . Beautiful silvery white, a rapid

## Autumn Flowering Iris Collection

1 each of 6 ( 6 plants, unlabeled)
.$\$ 2.35$
3 each of 6 ( 18 plants, labeled)
6.25

6 each of 6 ( 36 plants, labeled)
11.75


## Aristocratic Hardy GARDEN LILIES

## LILIUM CANDIDUM

## (Madonna Lily)

Also known by many as "June Lilies". It is the earliest outdoor garden Lily. You have often admired it with its rich perfume and snow white flowers, 3 to 15 on a stem. It is very hardy and will thrive in any light garden soil, with plenty of light and air.

|  | Each | 3 | Doz. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Large buibs | \$0.60 | \$1.50 | \$5.00 |
| Medium bulbs | . 4 | 1.20 | 4.00 |

## LILIUM HENRYI

A vigorous Lily, reaching a maximum height of 6 feet. Flowers of deep orange yellow, averaging 20 blossoms per plant. Easy growing in either heavy or light soils. 3 for $\$ 1.35$; per doz., $\$ 4.50$.


Lilium Henryi

## LILIUM ORANGE TRIUMPH

A startling new introduction of really brilliant orange, a crossing of Lilum Umbellatum and Lilium Croceum. It has created a remarkable enthusiasm in the Netherlands. Height $31 / 2$ feet, with erect flowers. This is an outstanding Lily and a remarkably brilliant color. 3 for $\$ 1.25$; per doz., $\$ 4.50$.

## LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM, Red

A dainty Lily with slender stems and glossy foliage, bloome ing in June or July, producing numerous showy scarlet flow. ers with reflexing petals. Prefers a sunny location, and well drained soil. 3 for 90 c ; per doz., $\$ 3.00$.

Lilium Tenuifolium

## LILIUM RUBRUM

Rich ruby-carmine on white, stout of substance and broad petals. This variety stands out prominently because of its vigorous growth, as well as its size and depth of coloring. $\$ 1.75$ for 3 ; per doz., $\$ 6.75$.

## REGAL LILIES

Regals give your garden a final touch of beauty. A wonderful new and hardy Lily, native of Northern China, and very easily grown. The flow ers are ivory-white, trumpet shaped with soft yellow throat. Grows 4 to 5 feet tall. Very fragrant. Blooms in July. This Lily will give increased beauty for many years without transplanting.
Special Low Price for Fall Planting
Large bulbs
3 Doz.
Large bulbs Medium bulbs
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